

The Amateur in You, Part 1

What have you been pondering?



Facets of the craft

Once you get licensed, it's not always apparent what you can do with ham radio besides talk with your brother on a hike. In fact, there are many activities available to you, and you might just find that more than one appeals to you. Here's a short list of ham radio activities that an operator can get into:

Nets

[Local](#), [social](#), [HF](#), and [themed](#)

[Faith-based](#) ([Area](#), [ERC](#), church)

[Emergency](#) ([ARES](#), [RACES](#), [CERT](#))

[Start your own](#)

Service

Government ([city](#), [county](#), [state](#), [national](#))

Community ([CERT](#))

Religious ([ePrep](#), [ERC](#))

Weather ([Skywarn](#), [NWS](#))

Outdoors ([TERT](#), [ultra-marathons](#), [parades](#))

Contesting

[QSO parties](#)

[Field Day](#) ([summer](#), [winter](#))

[DXing](#), [spotting](#), [logging](#)

Digital radio

[FT8](#), [FT4](#), [JS8Call](#), [JT-65](#), [JT-9](#)

[DMR](#), [Fusion](#), [D-STAR](#), [AllStar](#)

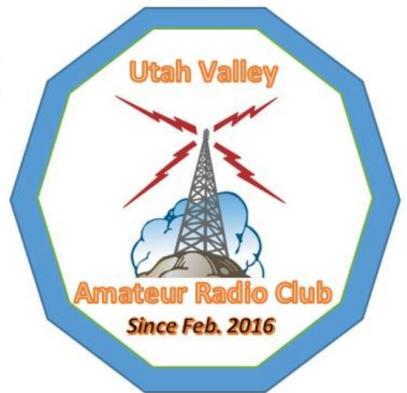
[RTL-SDR](#)

[PSK31](#), [Packet](#), [NBEMS](#), [RTTY](#)

Direction-finding

[Fox hunts](#)

[DFing gear](#)



DIY

[Antennas](#)

[Projects](#)

Installation

[Building](#), experimenting, repairing

Space

[Satellites](#) ([how-to article](#))

[ISS](#) ([International Space Station](#))

[EME](#) ([moonbounce](#))

[Space weather](#) ([propagation](#), [conditions](#))

Social gatherings

[Clubs](#), [swap meets](#), [hamfests](#), [conventions](#)

Barbecues, picnics, potlucks, luncheons

Ice cream socials, ad-hoc gatherings

Giving back

Become a [VE \(Volunteer Examiner\)](#)

Teach [ham radio courses](#)

Be an [Elmer](#)

[Monitor](#)

More

[Morse code / CW](#)

Repeater-chasing (verification)

[ATV](#) ([amateur television](#))

Join [ARRL](#)

How about you?

Ham radio is a hobby, a tool, a craft, and a social medium. What's your favorite ham radio activity? Can you think of others? If you have questions about any of these, feel free to ask one of the club leadership!